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growth as a commercial center by providing efficient transportation of goods. In
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make way for the Rockville Metro station.
Name: Rockville Station, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/12

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15 I-3

4. Address: Church & Baltimore Road, Rockville

5. Classification Summary
   - Category: buildings
   - Ownership: public
   - Public Acquisition: --
   - Status: occupied
   - Accessible: yes; restricted
   - Present use: commercial; transportation; office
   - Previous Survey Recording: M-NCPCC Federal x State x County x Local x
   - Historical Sites Inventory 1976
   - National Register, 1974; HABS, 1977; City of Rockville, 1974

6. Date: 1873

7. Original Owner: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company

8. Apparent Condition
   - a. fair
   - b. altered
   - c. original site

Description: This is a picturesque Victorian structure with some Eastlake detailing, particularly in the roofline and gable decoration. The building is of red brick with a gabled central bay and board-and-batten dormered wings. Above and below the windows are decorative stone blocks and brick courses. The end walls of the wings have pointed arched windows. The gable end is hipped, with arched bracket support under the eaves. The rear facade is more functionally austere, with a wing at right angles to the main body of the building, with a dormer breaking into the eaves of the building. The roof is covered with slate tiles, laid in verigated bands. There is a smaller, rectangular brick freight building nearby, also parallel to the tracks. It has jerkin-headed gable ends with corbelled brickwork across the upper section.

10. Significance: The Rockville Station is one of the few survivors of the many stations along the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad. It is important as the symbol of a major factor in the growth of the City of Rockville. When the Branch was opened in 1873, Rockville began its alteration from a sleepy Courthouse village into a busy commuter and summer resort town. The population trebled between 1873 and 1900; hotels were constructed or refurbished to accommodate the city dwellers who sought to escape the heat and humidity of Washington; farms in the area were subdivided into ½ acre lots and promoted by developers who lauded access to the railroad; residential and commercial development on Baltimore Road increased, on both sides of the tracks. The Station remains in use today as depot for 5 daily commuter trains, countless freight trains, and headquarters of Peerless Rockville. It will be relocated c. 1980 out of the path of Metro.

11. Date researched and researcher: Eileen McGuckian 1973

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled: Dec. 1978

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: one acre
# National Register of Historic Places

## Inventory - Nomination Form

### 1. Name

- **Common:** Rockville Railroad Station
- **And/or Historic:** Rockville Station, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

### 2. Location

- **Street and Number:** Church Street and Baltimore Road
- **City or Town:** Eighth
- **State:** Maryland
- **Code:** 24
- **County:** Montgomery
- **Code:** 031

### 3. Classification

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**Present Use:** VFW Post

### 4. Owner of Property

- **Owner's Name:** B & O Railroad Company
- **Street and Number:** 2 Charles Street
- **City or Town:** Baltimore
- **State:** Maryland
- **Code:** 24

### 5. Location of Legal Description

- **Courthouse, Registry of Deeds, Etc.:** Montgomery County Courthouse
- **Street and Number:** Courthouse Square
- **City or Town:** Rockville
- **State:** Maryland
- **Code:** 24

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

- **Title of Survey:** Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region
- **Date of Survey:** 1960
- **Depository for Survey Records:** The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- **Street and Number:** 8787 Georgia Avenue
- **City or Town:** Silver Spring
- **State:** Maryland
- **Code:** 24
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**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [x] 19th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

May 19, 1873

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- [x] Architecture
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(see continuation sheet)
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No. 8 Significance Continued.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Eileen S. McGuckian, Chairperson

ORGANIZATION: Rockville Historic District Commission

DATE: May, 1973

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

Name ________________________________

Title ________________________________

Date ________________________________

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

______________________________
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE: ________________________________

ATTEST:

______________________________
Keeper of The National Register

DATE: ________________________________
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET
MAGI #1651232511
NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: Rockville Station, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

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2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Street and Baltimore Road

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- Agricultural
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- Military
- Religious
- Museum
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Other (Specify): VFW Post
- Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company

STREET AND NUMBER: (main office: Huntington, West Virginia)

Local Office: 2 Charles Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one acre

Acreage Justification:
Includes the station, siding, parking for commuters. The Station is proposed to be moved under expansion of the Metro by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Rockville is projected to be the terminus for this arm of Metro, and will have the yard and turn-around.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Eileen S. McGuckian, Chairperson
ORGANIZATION: Rockville Historic District Commission
DATE: May, 1973

ADDRESS: City Hall, 111 South Perry Street
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville
STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National: ☐  State: ☐  Local: ☐

Signature
Account Identifier: District - 04 Account Number - 02257811

Owner Information

Owner Name: ROCKRAIL PTNSHP
Mailing Address: 98 CHURCH ST
ROCKVILLE MD 20850

Use: COMMERCIAL
Principal Residence: NO
Deed Reference: 1) /12435/ 591
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
98 CHURCH ST
ROCKVILLE 20850

Zoning C2
Legal Description THE 3RD ADD TO ROCKVILLE

Map GR42 Grid N428 Parcel 0
Sub District 0
Subdivision 201
Section 22
Block 82
Lot 0
Group 0
Plat No:

Special Tax Areas
Town ROCKVILLE
Ad Valorem 01
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built 1873
Enclosed Area 4,665 SF
Property Land Area 19,913.00 SF
County Use 603

Stories Basement Type Exterior

Value Information

Base Value

Value

Phase-in Assessments

As Of 01/01/2003

As Of 07/01/2003

As Of 07/01/2004

Land: 298,600

Improvements: 471,400

Total: 770,000

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824,900

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Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH
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Price: $750,000
Deed2:

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Rockville Railroad Station
(Rockville Station, B & O Railroad)
98 Church Street
Rockville Quadrangle

Pre-1981 location
Current location
M: 26-12-1

1993-94 Aerial Photo
Tax Map GR42

St. Mary's Church
5.48 Ac.
Rockville Railroad Station & Freight House with Dr. George Lewis' EMF Studebaker automobile.
Rockville Railroad Station
Relocating the 400-ton Passenger Station, 1981. Photo by John Spano won children's color category in contest sponsored by Peerless Rockville.
NAME: BYO STATION (Rockville Railroad Station)
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